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STARK PARAMETERS REGULARITIES OF MULTIPLY CHARGED ION SPECTRAL LINES ORIGINATING FROM THE SAME TRANSITION ARRAY

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Stark widths and shift regularities of the multiply charged ions spectral lines originating from the same transition array have been studied. The emphases are on the Stark widths and shift dependences on the upper level ionization potential and the rest core charge of the emitters. Stark parameters temperature dependences have been deduced from the found regularities. The found regularities can be used for Stark widths and shifts predictions for the lines of multiply ionized spectral lines where not existed so far. The accuracy of the obtained width and shift values are of the same order as the accuracies of the used data in the procedure of finding regularities

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3D SPECTROSCOPY OF NUCLEAR AND EXTRANUCLEAR REGIONS OF NEARBY AGN

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3D spectroscopy, is a modern method of investigation in observational astronomy, since it provides simultaneously a spectrum, under the same atmospheric and instrumental conditions, for each spatial element of a two-dimensional field of view. This gives a clear advantage with respect to classical sequential spectroscopic techniques, as long slit scans or Fabry-Perot interferometry, when studying extended sources, like galactic and extragalactic gaseous nebulae or nearby and distant galaxies.

Therefore 3D spectroscopy is intrisecally suited for a large number of observing programs and different kinds of targets.

Among them, it is doubtless of great importance the study of Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN), and in particular of the nuclear and circumnuclear regions of nearby Seyfert

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galaxies (z < 0.1). In fact, it is in this circumnuclear environment that we are likely to find the gas and dust which may serve as fuel for the active nucleus.

In close collaboration with the astronomers of the Special Astrophysical Observatory (SAO-RAS, Russia), we have carried out an observational campaign aimed to study in detail the nuclear and circumnuclear regions of about 30 nearby AGN, and therefore to strongly improve the statistical significance of the results about the features of these regions.

The analysis and interpretation of this large amount of data will have a significant impact not only on the general understanding of the AGN nature and properties, but also on the Unification Theories which justify the differences observed in Type 1 and Type 2 AGN with simple effects of orientation of AGN with respect to our line-of-sight.

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PULSATION TOMOGRAPHY OF ROAp STARS

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We present recent results of the observational study of rapidly oscillating Ap (ROAp) stars. Spectacular progress in this field has been achieved by considering high time resolution spectroscopy in addition to the classical high-speed photometric measurements. Spectroscopic observations of roAp pulsations led to the discovery of a multitude of unexpected phenomena, generally pointing to an extreme vertical chemical nonuniformity of the atmospheres of magnetic CP stars. Detailed analysis of spectroscopic pulsational behaviour allows us to establish relashionship between pulsations and vertical stratification of chemical elements.